<u>Abstract</u>

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The present invention provides for a thermoplastic composition formed form at least one carbohydrate dissolved in at least one solvent at a sufficiently high concentration of carbohydrate, and a method of making the same. The thermoplastic composition can be made into products that are soft or firm, absorbent or non-absorbent, and hydrophobic or hydrophilic without the addition of wetting agents.